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FOUR PAGES

## Vasa Lodge

### Skandia No. 549

The final meeting of the summer was held August 1 at Skandia Inn, Pigeon Lake. It was in keeping with the time and place that some consideration be given to improvement of the Vasa park property and Ed. Bergouist, Chairman of the land committee proposed that trees be planted along the fence bordering the land. A lively discussion followed as to ways and means and who should do the planting. A donation of \$25.00 to the Scandinavian Centre News was recommended and approved.

Visitors for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kvarnberg from Buford lodge. Mrs. Kvarnberg gave a brief outline of Vasa meetings held on board ship during their recent trip to Sweden. The general theme of the reports from the various lodges throughout Canada and the U.S. was the lack of interest of young people in carrying on with the lodge activities as they were not getting anything out of it. There seemed to be the problem of how to change their attitudes so that they should think in terms of "what they could put into it" instead.

The next meeting will be held in Edmonton at the L.O.O.F. Temple on September 5. There will be lunch and a dance after. The meeting will commence at 7 p.m.

### VASA DANCE TEAM

As a part of the cultural program of Vasa Lodge Skandia an adult folk dancing team was organized in March by Mrs. Alma Samuelson, cultural leader with Mrs. M. Eliasson and Eric Engvall as instructors. Gordon Samnelson began as accordian accompanist but since his transfer to Lloydminster in June, he was replaced by Mrs. Lilly Taylor.

Swedish costumes were obtained by the members themselves and regular practices were held when Mrs. Samuelson and Mrs. Eliasson gave their homes for this purpose. There were also two outdoor practices at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Lennart Petersson and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Paulson. Their initial performance was at the Corona Hotel when they entertained for the District Convention early in July and the next being at the Scandinavian Centre picnic at Elk Island Park on July 26. At both these performances the dancing was well executed and the team showed evidence of good training and instruction.

Ray Nyroos boasts a 29 hand in crib which he got at a recent game at Pigeon Lake.

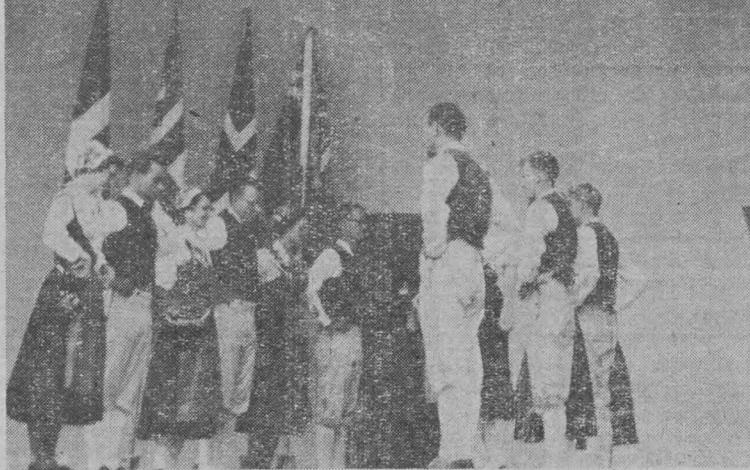
Mrs. Mary Pearson has returned from a trip to the coast where she visited Mrs. Hockenson at New Westminster.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lindberg have moved their house out to their farm east of the city.

Mrs. Anna Sund had the misfortune of breaking her leg recently. She is home from the hospital and we hope she will soon be getting around again.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigurd Johnson and three children are on a motoring holiday when they will visit friends in Penticton, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kay entertained at a dinner party recently in



PICTURED ABOVE is team of Swedish folk dancers who performed at Elk Island Park picnic July 26. They are in order as follows: Doreen Engvall, Ray Nyroos, Dave Paulson, Emyline Paulson, Audry Holmgren, Glen Eliasson, Raul Nyroos, Carol Sund, Arnie Holmberg and Verna Kvarnberg.

### Icelandic Society

Flight Officer and Mrs. L. B. Chemlyk, stationed in Baden Baden, Germany, spent a most enjoyable holiday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williams in Penarth, Wales. Mrs. Chemlyk is the former Joan Henrickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Henrickson of Edmonton, and Mrs. Williams is the former Margaret Marlett, daughter of Mrs. J. T. Johannson, also of Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Robertson have returned from a trip to Jasper, Banff and Calgary.

Miss Sigrun Palsson and Miss Florence Albertson both of Winnipeg were recent visitors in our fair city, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Mitchell were members of the Yellowhead Caravan, making the trek through the Yellowhead Pass and on to Vancouver. While out at the coast Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell will visit Vancouver Island.

Miss Sandra Ledger is in Edmonton visiting her brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. D. Ledger.

Mr. Frank Gislason is leaving on a fishing trip to northern B.C. on Sept. 1. He hopes to have two weeks of trout fishing in the northern lakes and streams. The best of fishing to you Frank, and don't let the big one get away.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. L. Lawrence has had word his sister Helen is very ill in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Lil Ledger and Pat Lane are enjoying a weeks holiday in Vancouver and Seattle, guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Goodwin.

Mr. Don Careron and son Gordon spent some time during the holidays exploring the Battle River valley. They found some very interesting parts of Dinosaur bones to add to their collection. They also found Indian arrow heads. The Camerons have quite an extensive collection and Don is well versed in his hobby which makes it most interesting to all.

Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Gislason and family have taken up residence in the Inglewood district where Mrs. Gislason will be teaching school.

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### Finnish Society

The Finnish Society will begin the fall social season on October 2, when a dance and program will be held in McCauley Hall, 95 St. and 108 Ave. commencing at 8 p.m. Let's all attend and fill the hall for a good evening of fun. There will be no dance in November. In December there will be the usual gay children's program to look forward to.

A surprise going-away party was held Aug 8 for Mr. and Mrs. T. Vaisanen prior to their leaving for Saskatoon where they will reside. Flowers and gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Vaisanen and a coffee table set up for everyone to enjoy. Speeches were made during the evening which ended in saying "good-bye" to this couple who were so well liked in Edmonton. Good wishes are extended to them with hopes that they will be as happy in Saskatoon as they were in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Demers have returned with their daughters to their home in Anaheim, California after visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Rama and Mrs. B. Demers in Edmonton.

Mrs. J. Rama accompanied her mother, Mrs. Mary Carlson to Rich Lake, Alta., for a week-end visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Tikkanen. Sunday they called at Koivunevas resort where they enjoyed fishing and picking saskatoons. Thanks to Joan and John.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ahti Heinonen on the arrival of a son July 28, at the University Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sahuri are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son, Tim Peter on August 4 at the Misericordia Hospital, weight 6 lbs. 14 oz.

Mrs. Jack Luoma is visiting her sister at Vancouver Island. She will be coming home before the end of August.

Wishing a speedy recovery to Miss Raili Ramo after her recent operation.

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### Sons Of Norway

#### Solglyt Lodge

Mrs. K. Amdam and her daughter Arlene enjoyed their stay at the country home of Mrs. Amdam's brother near Vilna.

Mrs. P. Melhus who was a patient at the Misericordia hospital recently, is now home and feeling much better.

Mrs. R. Siversen and her son Kenneth will motor to Vancouver on September 3 to attend the wedding of Mrs. Sivertsen's niece.

Duluth, Minn. was the picturesque point of destination for Mr. and Mrs. M. Myhre when they motored there to visit friends.

Mrs. B. Wiebe and her daughter returned recently from a week's vacation at Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Halberg vacationed at Alberta Beach for two weeks in August.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Johnsrud's new telephone number is HU 9-7203.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Algot were visitors at Derwent recently. Mrs. Algot reports that she is feeling much better and is able to be more active after her prolonged illness.

Miss Irene Lagergren spent three weeks during August visiting cousins and friends in Vancouver.

Visiting friends and relatives in Edmonton in August were Mr. and Mrs. Anders Anderson and their young son of Calgary. Mr. Anderson, who was a former director of the Scandinavian Centre Association expressed pleasure in the progress made in obtaining a site.

Jimmy MacDonald, accompanied by a party of friends, is away on a vacation trip to the States. Among the points of call is Los Angeles where his sister Shirley lives.

Mrs. M. MacDonald and her family motored to Hythe to attend her granddaughter's wedding on August 1.

Mrs. Bredesen and her family spent a holiday at Waskesiu Lake in Prince Albert National Park and later visited Jasper and Banff for a few days.

#### BOWLING BY-LINE

The Sons of Norway Bowling League will start the new season at the Windsor Bowl early in September. Those interested in joining should contact the secretary, Mrs. F. Jacobson at GE 9-2707 as soon as possible and please attend the meeting to be held at the home of Mr. H. Logan, 9318 - 71 Ave. Sept. 8 at 8 p.m.

#### HARVEST MOON - September meeting

The Sons of Norway will open the fall season with their first meeting on September 18, at the club room of the Masonic Temple, unless members are advised otherwise. There will be the usual business meeting followed by a social when the theme will be "Harvest Moon."

#### OBITUARY - Ole Andreas Sorum.

Funeral services for Ole Andreas Sorum of 10751 - 86 Ave. were held on Aug. 8 at Foster and McGarvey chapel with Rev. Hope officiating. Pallbearers were O.

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### DANIA

#### (Danish Society)

"Bikuben" is the name of the Danish Ladies Club. All Danish speaking ladies that may be interested in joining—come to our first meeting after the summer holidays—on September 21 at 8 p.m. at 10029 - 85 Avenue. There is no charge for joining, we pay 25 cents every meeting for which we enjoy a cup of coffee. We meet every third Monday in the month. Looking forward to see you Monday, September 21.

Friday September 11 is the Date to remember, as "Dania" is holding their first dance of the winter season. This will be an Old Time Dance, so all you people, that like that type of dancing, come to the South Side Legion and dance to Lilly Taylors Music. We will be pleased to see some of all other Scandinavians, and are sure you will have a good time. Everybody is welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Erik Peterson is opening a new Baker Shop on 12118 - 90 Street on September 1, where you will be able to buy a lot of Danish Delicacies in baking of all kind. See the ad in this paper.

"Fugleskydning" and picnic went off as scheduled on August 9 and we all had a good time in the good sunny weather. Here are the names of the winners for shooting on the "bird"—The Bird King, Mr. Leif Jensen, 10660 - 105 St. The left wing, Mr. Erik Bentsen, 11722 - 88 St., right wing, Mr. Bernh. Nielsen, Gen. Del. North Edmonton, The Tail, Mr. Erik Dinesen, 9747 - 93 Ave., The Chest, Mr. Aage Mortensen, 9819 - 88 Ave. Target Shooting for the Ladies—Miss Ellis Peterson was the winner and for the Men, Mr. Bernh. Nielsen. Then there was a door prize on your tickets. If you have one of the following numbers 12 - 18 - 52 - 53 72, call for your prize at 10029 - 85 Avenue, phone GE 9-0506.

Don't let the Danes be behind the rest of the Scandinavian people in buying Shares in the Scandinavian Centre, just take your phone and call Vera at GE 9-0506 and let her know that you are interested and she will be there with an application.

Two Hep Teenagers who are heading for the high spots, are former Edmonton Boys, now living in Dawson Creek, B.C. Barney Larsen, 18 and Poul Jorgenson, 20. Last winter these two boys together with two other boys Butch Pedersen, 19 and Art Bird, 19 both of Fort St. John, formed a band composed of Drums and three Guitars. In August they went on a 10 day tour with the famous western and popular singer, Jones to Grande Prairie, Peace River, Fort St. John, Dawson Creek and other Peace River centres. "We've been getting together to practice for about eight months now," Barney said. "Poul and I went to a dance in Pouc Coupe last winter where the "Sparks" were playing. The entire band consisted of Art and Butch at that time. We went to them and told them what we could do, and after a few practices joined the band."

Barney, a quiet-spoken boy came to Canada with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Bent Larsen only two years ago from Denmark. He sings and plays the electric guitar. His favorite singer? Elvis, of course. An

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# + EDITORIAL +

## HEAVE HO! LET'S GO!

For the benefit of the many new subscribers to the Scandinavian Centre News, a brief outline of what is meant by the "Scandinavian Centre" is in order. It is just this:

Some five years ago the five main Scandinavian groups in Edmonton, (i.e.) Swedish (Vasa), Norwegian (Sons of Norway), Danish (Dania), and Finnish and Icelandic Societies banded together to form the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association. The purpose of the association was to draw together the Scandinavian people of the city and district for the advancement of their varied cultures and talents, and to build a centre in which to carry on their social, cultural and recreational activities. It was planned that this centre should consist of an auditorium, a gymnasium, club rooms, restaurant and other facilities.

To build the centre, of course, land was needed and money; and negotiations were started with the city for a building site to be leased by the association. Also plans for selling shares to interested parties got under way. Other money-raising projects for current expenses were undertaken with considerable success and means of publication were tried. A year or more ago it was decided to start a newspaper for the convenience and service of the different groups and to publicise news and progress for the Centre. The first issue of the Scandinavian Centre News came out in November of last year.

Finally, in July of this year, the news broke of the city's finding a suitable site for the Centre. Now, money is needed to get the work started. Quite a number of shares have been sold—but a great deal more will be needed before building operations can be undertaken.

Shares are selling at \$50.00 each, either cash in full or by installments, providing the full price of the share is paid within a year from contract date.

If you would like further particulars, please fill out the form on the opposite page and mail as directed and a representative will call on you. This will not place you under any obligation. Just a chance to learn more of the Scandinavian Centre organization; its hopes and plans, and what part you can play in making them a reality.

And to those of you who already are acquainted with the Scandinavian Centre—now is the time to come forward. The architects have re-drafted the original plans to suit the site and an artist's sketch has been completed. This will be printed in a later issue of the Scandinavian Centre News, but in the meantime you may see it by dropping in at the office of the secretary of the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative, Mr. S. A. Sorenson at 600 McLeod Bldg. You are assured that it is something that all Scandinavians will be proud of when it becomes a finished structure of steel, concrete and wood.

You can bring that day closer. Here are some things you can do. As a group—discuss the advantages of the Centre. No more searching for a place to hold meetings and social events; no more crowding into unsuitable quarters, and no more waiting for the right date. Propose buying more shares by your lodge or group. As an individual—talk about it to your friends and neighbors. Get more people interested. Above all, be enthusiastic. Other organizations have done this sort of thing, why not the Scandinavians? So, heave ho! let's get going! BUY A SHARE—SELL ONE TO A FRIEND—DO IT NOW!

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With the summer holidays over for most people, plans will be taking shape for the social season ahead. The highlight of the "Centre's" social year has been the annual Scandinavian Night in January. It is not too early to start planning now. Cultural leaders for the different groups should be on the lookout for prospective performers and a committee set up to handle the arrangements, and draw up the program. Don't wait until November or December when many will be working on Christmas concerts. Get organized early so there will be plenty of time to practise. Make the next Scandinavian Night the best yet.

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### Sons Of Norway

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Aulae, A. Gulbrandsen, S. Sorenson, A. Johannessen, H. Culvert, L. Samons and interment took place at Westlawn Cemetery.

Born in Oslo, Norway in 1905, Mr. Sorum moved to Hamar in 1918 where he lived until coming to Edmonton in 1951. In Hamar he was a leader in the community where he built his home and operated a furniture business. Mr. Sorum's many hobbies kept him an active member in his community and in Hamar he began a film club of which he was president until his departure for Canada. In Edmonton he was a member of the Camera and Art clubs.

In 1939 Mr. Sorum held a successful art exhibition of his oil paintings. His artistic talents were recognised and admired by all who knew him.

Mr. Sorum is survived by his widow in Edmonton, his parents and four younger brothers in Norway.

#### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all my friends for kindnesses and sympathy extended to me in the loss of my beloved husband, also for the many beautiful floral tributes.

Mrs. O. A. Sorum.

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the following people who worked so hard to make it a success.

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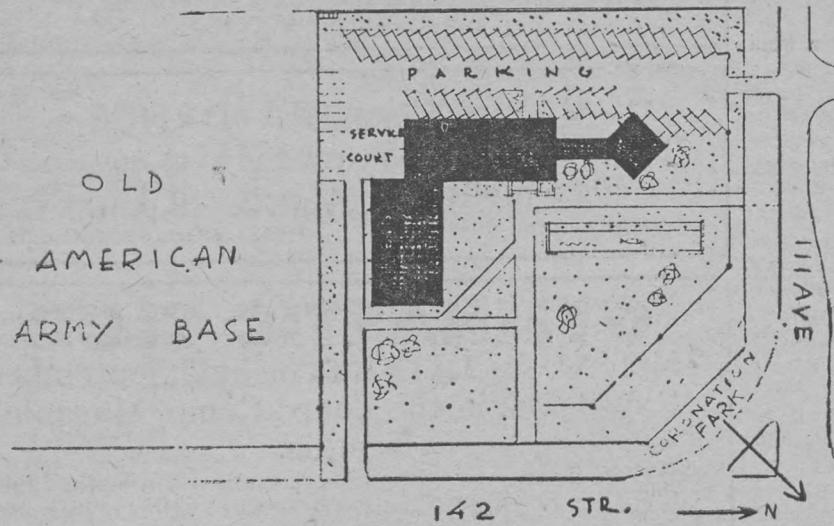
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## Scandinavian Centre Picnic -- July 26

Many people journeyed to Elk Island Park to attend the fifth annual Scandinavian Centre picnic July 26. Despite minor showers it was a very pleasant afternoon.

The program, which was well received by an enthusiastic audience, was arranged by the Scandinavian Centre Cultural Committee with Mrs. Lilly Taylor in charge at the bandshell. S. A. Sorenson was master of ceremonies and the following is the program as presented:

Following the Anthem, an accordion solo by Roger Ogren; Folk Dances — Gotland Quadrille and Schottische by Swedish Folk Dancers; Vocal Solos—Lisbeth Carsen (Danish); Piano Solos—Walter Sorenson; Folk Dance—Vingaker Dans by Glen Eliasson, Audrey Holmgren and Doreen Engvall; Vocal Solos—Ronald Nelson (Swedish and English); Accordion and Piano Duet—Finnish melodies by Rita Nahkuri and Ulla Vesalainen; Saxophone solo "Konval-

jen's Avsked" by Helen Sware, Hay Lakes; Vocal solos — Irene Hovde; Folk Dance — "The Ox Dance" (Swedish Folk Dancers); Song, "Helsa Dem Dar Hjemme" by group with audience participation.

### DANIA

(Continued from Page 1) other Danish-born rock and roll enthusiast is Poul Jorgensen, who is the drummer for the band. He came to Canada three years ago.

The Quartet have been playing at dances in Fort St. John, Grande Prairie, Peace River and Teentown dances in Dawson Creek. They will be playing on the Johnny Cash Show, when it comes to Dawson Creek in the later part of August and also with the Tennessee Mountain Boys when they appear in the city. "Our agent, Pat Reed of

Edmonton is the one who is bringing the Hank Snow and Kitty Wells type of shows to this area. Barney said, "We're confident that we'll be going on more tours with bigger names all the time. Meanwhile we're sure having fun."

Good Luck Barney and Poul from your friends in Edmonton.

Congratulations goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hansen on the birth of a son, Mr. and Mrs. Jorgen Gleerup on the birth of a daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Willy Larsen on the birth of a son—all born in August.

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## What's Cooking

### CUP CAKE

1 cup sugar  
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6 eggs  
3 tbsp. cold water, flavoring, pinch of salt.

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**Vasa Lodge**

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honor of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lundgren who were in the city for a visit before moving to reside in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan where Mr. Lundgren has been transferred from Kamloops, B.C. Mrs. Lundgren showed a movie film of Kamloops. Mrs. Lundgren remained in Edmonton with her little daughter Lisa Ann to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lars Erickson of 10637 - 128 St. until Harold finds a home in Prince Albert. While in the city she was also the guest of honor at a tea held at the home of Mrs. Eric Erickson, Leamington Apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Bud Holmgren and their daughter Audry were on a vacation trip to the Coal Branch recently. They reported perfect weather and good fishing, besides having the good fortune of coming across a patch of "hjortron" berries the fruit of which is adding a tasty treat to their preserve supply for the coming winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Mons Eliasson ac-

companied by Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Eliasson of Lacombe spent a short holiday in Banff recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Paulson and two children motored to Vernon, B.C. where Mr. Paulson purchased an electrical contracting business. They will be moving in September. Mr. and Mrs. Paulson have been active workers in the lodge and will be missed by the members and their many friends. Best wishes are extended them in their future home and business.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Ogren spent a holiday at Crane Lake, Alberta where they visited the latter's family and did some fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Franzen and son Eric motored to B.C. where they spent a week's holiday in the Okanagan Valley.

## ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lindberg announce the engagement of their daughter Lucille Bernice to Mr. Bruce Kenneth Pearson, son of Mrs. Mary Pearson and the late Mr. Bruce Pearson. The wedding will take place September 26 at

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Help your correspondent to better serve your society by advising early of any event of interest such as births, engagements, weddings, deaths as well as travel and social news.

Remember to attend the tea to be held in the Hudson's Bay auditorium September 22, sponsored by the Ladies of Vasa. There will be the usual bake table with goodies to take home.

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